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REMARKS

Claims 15-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends the specification, cancels Claims 1-14, and amends Claim 15.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

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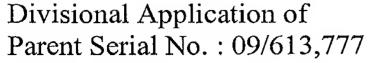
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and

VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

15. A surface acoustic wave device comprising:

a piezoelectric substrate;

at least two first interdigital transducers provided on a surface of the piezoelectric substrate; at least two second interdigital transducers provided on the surface of the piezoelectric substrate;

a coupler having a plurality of metal strips and disposed on the piezoelectric substrate, the [multistrip] coupler located between a pair of said at least two first interdigital transducers, and between a pair of said at least two second interdigital transducers so as to be adjacent to the first and second interdigital transducers; wherein

the surface acoustic wave device operates using a shear horizontal surface acoustic wave and the coupler transmits shear horizontal surface acoustic waves without reflecting the shear horizontal surface acoustic waves; and

said piezoelectric substrate includes a first edge and a second edge that reflect the shear horizontal surface acoustic waves transmitted by the coupler.